



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: SSSRA - Salt Creek Trenching for Earthquake Study (03/04-CD-20)

LOCATION: Salton Sea State Recreation Area **COUNTY:** Riverside

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

The project consists of excavating two 40' long by 10' deep trenches to expose subsurface geological deposits for earthquake study. During the course of the study, the trenches will be covered with plywood at the end of each day and the site will be enclosed with temporary fencing. At the conclusion of the project, the trenches will be backfilled and the site landscaped to a natural appearance. District Paleontologist will be present during excavation to ensure no impacts to possible paleontological resources. District Archaeologist has determined there will be no impacts to cultural resources, and District Resource Ecologist has determined there will be no impacts to natural resources.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Colorado Desert

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption
 Class: 4, 6 Section(s): 15304 15306

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated.
Project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (class 4)
Temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment (class 4e)
Surface will be restored (class 4f)
Project does not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters (class 4i)

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